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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 1439/8

First Inventor Donald F. Wilson, Jr.

Title See 1 in Addendum

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 20]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*  
 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
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*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*  
 i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
- a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii.  Paper
- c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
*(when there is an assignee)*  
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)  
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499  Copies of IDS Citations  
13.  Preliminary Amendment  
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*  
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*  
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.  
17.  Other: .....

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Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 1. LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL INTERLOCKING LATCH MECHANISM

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MECHANISM**  
**Our Ref. No. 1439/8**

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (2 pages);
2. Fee Transmittal Form (1 page) in duplicate;
3. A U.S. patent application (20 pages);
4. Nine (9) sheets of formal drawings;
5. Unexecuted Declaration (3 pages);
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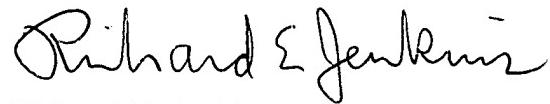
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1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
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20	-20** = 0	x 0	0
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1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465			Extension for reply within third month	
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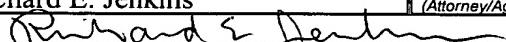
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